A HEADLONG * COURTSHIP.

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Copperight, 1800, by Peter McArthur.

stery one winter night as we revolved was right. But he had the seeding to before the open fireplace in his old log do, and he kept in himself until the house. Our bucks were freezing while spring work was done and there was a our faces were secrebing, and it was resting spell between the seeding and only by toraing like chickens on a spit haying. Then one the morning he in the highland Gaelle, not because he could not speak English, but because he could be more fluent in his mother doing. congue, so this version is merely a translation. Moreover, it is translated Digard as bard as brass. from the spoken word rather than the written; but, being true, I hope it will ry? not lose all its humor in the retelling. If from time to time I chance to use a



MARRIED?" Gaelle idiom, it will not be because I of the ways of women. Now be sensiam trying to give the murrative a na- ble and let me send for the minister tionality, but because it all comes back and Tiger Dunlep and old Mrs. Meto me in the expressive words in Gugan, and we will pick out some nice which I first heard it, and I must trans- body suffed for you and do things in an "per up for elder she did all she could inte it as best I can. While Shamus orderly way." ample waist.

Betsey, who made a man of him. But was working and spluttered out:

40 years ago everybody knew it, and
Tiger Danlop haughed at it till the last
day of his life. I often wonder he
didn't make a story of it for blackword's as Parasis. cause he and Betsey came to be great gawking at me in church, is it?

friends, and he didn't think it right to "But you often looked back at me,"
make the wits of London and Edinburgh laugh at her husband. He at used to turn round in front of me and

or girls of the settlement were at the woods to dry and cool off. house on a visit.

ed the care he was used to. A house mind to go and ask, though he couldn't without a woman is not a home, but a make up his mind which. But that den, and before spring the old man feit that unless a woman came to take care of them he would not be long for this world. He was too far stricken in years binself to think of marrying ngnin, but Dugald was just of the right age, so he raised the matter with

"It is time you got married, Dugald, he said one morning. "Poor," said Dugald. 'Are you los

ing your head? You are 40 past,' the old man kept on, and I was only 37 when I married." "To get away from the subject Purald went out to the slashing to chop. But the old man had the notion in his read and bept thinking about it and talking to Dugold every chance he had

all Duguel begun to think of it, too, and when he started to think of it be began to stare at the girls in church.

Shamus Whor Campbell told me this nucle up his mind that the old man that we could keep comfortable in turned his horses out to pasture, par front of the cord word fire. He told it on his Sabbath black clothes and was trying to comb his hair when his father came in gud asked what he was

"'I am going to get married,' raid

" And whom are you going to mar-'Mary McMillan.'

" Little Mary?

"'You are a fool,' said the father. She is only a baby. What we want is a wife to take care of us and not a child to raise.

'But It's me that's to marry her.' id Dugald.

"Hech. It is, is it?" said the old man testily. 'But I can't see how a seasible man like Dan McMillan would ever be such a fool as to let a baby like Mary marry a big redheaded out like you, even if I am to leave you the

"'He hasn't been asked,' said Dugald. 'Folks going to get married now don't have things made up for them bythe old people and ministers as they did when you were young."

" 'And when did you have time to go sparking Mary without Dan having his eye on you? I am even surprised that Mary didn't give you a clip when you

asked her.'
"'Dut I haven't asked her yet. I am just going to now.'

"NEVER REARD HOW DUGALD M'PRAIL GOT "'Poof," said the old man. 'You are

told the story his face was alternately "But Dugald didn't say a word. He in the light and shadow, but whatever just walked out of the house and starthis position I could always see his eyes ed across the fields toward McMillea's sparkling between his bushy eyebrows place. He was a redheaded giant then, and the patriarchal white heard that though you wouldn't think it when he hung from his high cheek bones to his takes up the collection now. As I said before, he had worked himself up to a So you've never heard how Dugald point where he was no more himself McPhoil got married, haven't you? Of than a negro Malay that had run course most of the old people who amuck. Having always been bashful, knew it are dead now, and Dugaid has he didn't know how to talk to women, been the head eleer in the U. P. church so when he got to McMillan's he just for 20 years past, thanks to his wife walked into the kitchen where Mary

wood's or Fraser's, for he wrote pienty tress, and I have been looking at you in his day, and they were good ones, in the church and have made up my too, though he had no very high regard mind that you are the woman I went." for the truth. But perhaps it was be- ""To that's why you have been

ways stopped over with the McPhails stare at me with your big fool eyes? when the business of the Canada com- And then without another word Mary pany brought him this way, and many grabbed a kettle of hot water off the a time when I was a boy I made ha crane in the fireplace and soused Du-excuse to go over to the house to hear gold with it. It took him fair, and he let a yell out of him like a heathen ta-"Well, the truth is that when Dugald dian. Before he got to the door she McPhail made up his mind to get mar- gave him a couple more splashes, and, ried he just ran assuek, as I am told though it disin't scald him. It made him that the negro Mainys do when any, yell. Her father and mother heard the thing touches their brains. He was a noise and came running in, and when boy of 40 at the time and so bashful they found out what was the matter that he wouldn't come from the fields they said it served him right, so Dufor his meals when any of the women gald west away and sat down in the

"Now, the McPhalls were always "His mother died in the fall of the proud, and Dugald made up his mind year, and be and his father hept buch, that he would show the young bussy clor's hall through the winter, and a that he could get a wife when he wantdreary time they had of it. The old ed to, On the next farm lived the Meman was getting weak and thin blood. Beans, with four strapping daughters. ed, and many a morning he sat before Though Dugald had never thought of the fire and grumbled because he lack-



"YOU ARE A FOOL!" and the more he stared at them the didn't matter, for in the end be esked more he thought of it, for the McChails them all, and none of them would are a set people, and when they fer listen to him. Instead they all got madcathing obse. But Duguid was the he was thankful to escape with a thost finishful man in the country, and, whole skin. But his blood was up, and to necept or of a resignation of the ofthem suppersed to look back at him, of them would be able to say that he Still I have always noticed that when a couldn't get a wife, and he just into his | refusing to accept or resigning, as the thekward man serews up his courage doings that day as much buildness as ease may be, and delivered into the of-

she planned right off what they must

do. "We must send for the minister," she said, and for Tiger Dunlop, and then we must hurry and catch him before he makes a perfect fool of him-

"Within a couple of hours the searching party was hot on the trail of Dugold and tracing him by his defeats. It was never known just how many girls be proposed to that day, but the number has been put as high as 14.

"Let us hurry!" exclaimed the Tiger ps well as he could with laughing. 'If we don't catch him before he reaches the Irish settlement, one of the Biddies will marry blin out of hand.' But when they finally overtook Du-

iski they interrupted him in his hour of trlumph. He had reached John Me-Parlane's place and had proposed to Cheisty, who was 40 years old and cross eyed. Now, Christy had long been waiting for a husband, for she was thred of keeping house for her two brothers and father, and when she got over her first surprise she was beginping to think favorably of the proposal made by what remained of the amorous Dugnid. Her father came in just then, and, finding how matters stood, ordered Dugald out of the house. Dugald refused to budge until the coy Christy gave her consent, so the old man called his two sons and told them. They would rather lose their best team than ther housekeeper, so the three of them piled on him at once. But Dugald's blood was up, and the eyes of Christy were upon him. When the searchers arrived, the redheaded hero was just after thrashing the father and | Many of the names of rivers are destwo sons and was trying to get his breath to propose to Christy again. But the diversion and the unwonted exercise brought him back to his usual condition of bashfulness, and he let the Tiger, who could hardly keep his feet for roaring and laughing, lend him to the wagon by the collar, and they took

"That evening they talked matters over, and next day a match was arranged with Betsey McPherson, a fine old girl, who was past the age of foolishness, and after it had been announced in church they were married, and a bappy marriage it turned out to be, She was sensible, and, though folks a big fool. Durald, and know nothing laughed at Dugald, she lived to see him an elder in the church.

bim away home.

"Poor Christy McFarlane never got over the hearthreak from losing such a fine husband, and when Dugald was thought no more of his word was not fit to held such an office.

"And that was the way they made morebes in upper Canada when I was



SHE GAVE HIM A COUPLE MORE SPLASHES. roung," said Simmus as he tried to stir up some life in the fire before which to depreciate its importance. The we were turning like whirling dervish- early Chinese believed their largest es beenger the frost was constantly narrowing the circle warmed by the dying blaze.

"The courting came after the marriage instead of before it, and I don't know that it was a bad plan, for none of it was lost."

As I could not gainsay this assertion I elimbed to the loft and made myself name of an important city which was comfortable in the pile of blankets on long the southers capital, as the the spare bed and dreamed of a courtship that was more modern.

Men begin to pour into the road-way from every quarter, hooting, and some ran ahead, always a bad sign. I proposed to walk, but the chairman said it was not safe. The open chair. however, was equally an abomination. The crowd became dense and noisy. There was much shouting and yelling. I recognized many cries of "Yang kwel-tze" (foreign devil) and "Child cater?" swelling into a roar. The narrow streets became almost impassable. My chair was struck repeatedly with sticks. Mud and unsavory missiles were thrown with excellent alm. A well dressed man, bolder or more cowardly than the rest, bit me a smart whack Scross my chest, which left a weal. Others from behind bit me across the choulders. The howling was infernal. It was an afigry Chinese mob. There was nothing for it but to sit stolldly and not to appear hurt, frightened or asmoyed, though I was all three .-"Yangtze Valley and Beyond," by Mrs. J. P. Bishop.

Besigned the Vice Presidency. It would probably puzzle most peo-ple to tell how a president or vice pres-Most could resign. After writing his ernadi: "The only evidence of a refusal he will do things that an ordinary man another man would show in a lifetime, they of the secretary of state." View "The news of his goings on soon got | President John C. Calhorn resigned on Boston Trinscript.

CHINESE NAMES EXPLAINED.

Most people are "all at sea" when hey encounter Chinese names. This they encounter Chinese names. This is because such names appear to those unacquanted with the language purely arbitrary. Of all languages, however, the Chinese is the most picturesque. Their geographical names are highly descriptive, and as such they are generally more na-tional than our own. "Suppose," says the New York Sun, "we had never heard of Shanghai, for example, but knew the meaning of the two words composing the name. We would know at once that the "City Near the Sea," must apply to a seaport. Yun Homeans "The River of Transportation," and we naturally infer that the waterway thus designated must be commercially important. Yun Ho in fact, is the Chinese name of the Grand Canal, which plays so large a part in the freight service of east China. However many syllables there may

be in a Chinese place name it is composed of as many words as there are syllables, for all Chinese words are monosyllabic. If we know the meaning of even one of the words in a geographical name it helps to convey a definite idea. The words Ho and Kiang, for example, both mean "river" and when we see them on a map we know they refer to a river or stream. criptive of them: Hoang-Ho, for example, means "Yellow river;" Tsinkiang means "Clear river." The Hoang ho is so called because it cuts its bed through yellow soil from which it derives its color. The yellow flood it pours into the sea colors that part of the ocean yellow, and hence the Chinese call the sea Hoang hai, or Yellow sea.

The Chinese unite the words in a name so that they form one word just as we write Newton, Hartford or Deerfield. Sometimes we unite the words in a Chinese name and sometimes we separate them, but there is no reason, for example, why we should write Tien-Tsin when we against him, saying that a man who do not write Peking. Each of these names is chaposed of two words. Pe means "north" and King means "the capital" or "the king's household," and thus Pekirg means the northern capital. Tien means "heavenly" and Tsin means "place," and thus the name of the largest city in northeast China means "heavenly place"-a name it has borne for many centuries. When Marco Polo visited the city in the thirteenth century he translated its name into "Citta Celeste."

Kow means "north" and Hankow is the name of the city at the north of the river Han, just as the English call a place at the mouth of the fweed, Tweedmouth.

The word Yang means "ocean," tse means "son," and the name river contributed more water to the making of the ocean than any other stream in the world, and so, in the name of the river, they conveyed the idea that the ocean was its son. Nan means southern, and Nankin is the name implies. Pei means "white' and the Pei ho in English is plain White river.

Fuis a word affixed to the names of provincial capitals, just as in some parts of this country "Court House" is naded to the names of county seats. Wu chang fu is the CAPITAL ... name of an important inland city and the form of the name shows it to be a provincial capital. The name might just as well be written simply Wu chang, and many maps so give it. Hien is another which, applied to Tom May, F. W. Macfarlane, E. D. the names of distant towns or county Tenny, J. A. McCandless. sents. Even a very meager knowledge of the language we can thus see will give to Chinese names interesting significance.

dohn Shorman on Himself.

A politician who was very near to Senator John Sherman in the compaign of 1802 says he will never forget the effect that the first hodak pleture of himself had upon the Senaresignation, what shall be do with it? tor. Mr. Sherman had been spenising the night before in the Academy Partie their minds of a thing they think of and joined in pommeling him so that grees in 1702, lays down the modus op- of Music, Philadelphia, and the newspaper artists had taken some lifelike snap shots of him in many attitudes. though he staced at the gifts, he would be was going to get a wife before he fice of president or vice president shall snap shots of him in many attitudes, color to the roots of his hair if one of stopped if it cost him his life. Some be an instrument in writing declaring. To the politician the senator said, the same and subscribed by the person upon looking over the newspaper the following day: "Well, well, our time for criticising the newspaper men is over. They have us to rights now. "Well, the old man kept talking right around, and when Mrs. McCangan, the Two. 25, 1862, and his resignation is the destinate and burnell kept taluating, and settlement's matchinaker, heard of it now on file at Washington in the destination of what I have always show the spring rame to just about the burnell to see his father to find out partners of the secretary of state.— "Well, the old man kept talking right around, and when Mrs. McCingan, the Two, 28, 1862, and his resignation is Here I am just as I am, and I'm a DEALERS IN Attitud of sporting Goods

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